## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ALABAMA WESTERN DIVISION

| MICHAEL W. RONDINI, et al., | }                           |
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| Plaintiffs,                 | }<br>}<br>}                 |
| v.                          | Case No.: 7:17-cv-01114-RDF |
| TERRY J. BUNN, JR.,         | }                           |
| Defendant.                  | }<br>}                      |

## **ORDER**

This case is before the court on Defendant Terry J. Bunn, Jr.'s ("Defendant") Motion for Summary Judgment. (Doc. # 121). After careful review, the Motion (*see* Doc. # 21) is **ADMINSITRATIVELY TERNMINATED**. This case is **STAYED** pending submission of the following question to the Supreme Court of Alabama: Whether suicide is an intervening cause that breaks the chain of causation stemming from a defendant's intentional tort to the decedent's death, particularly when the suicide occurred several months after the commission of the intentional tort.

The parties are **DIRECTED** to confer and, **on or before February 4, 2020**, to file a motion in this court requesting submission of this matter to the Supreme Court of Alabama for certification in accordance with Alabama Rule of Appellate Procedure 18. The parties **SHALL** attach to their motion a proposed certification of question(s) to be submitted to the Supreme Court of Alabama.

**DONE** and **ORDERED** this January 13, 2020.

R. DAVID PROCTOR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE